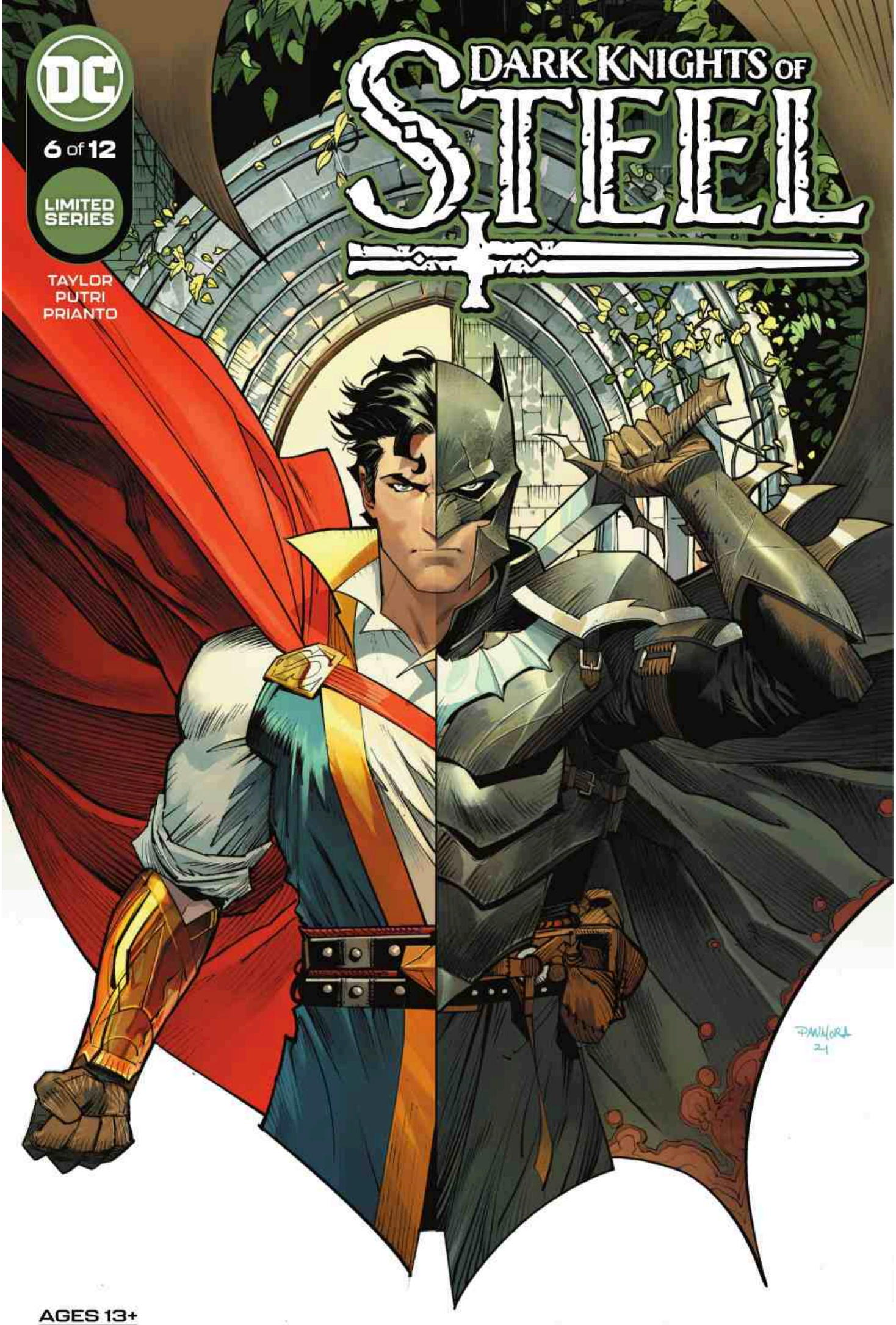
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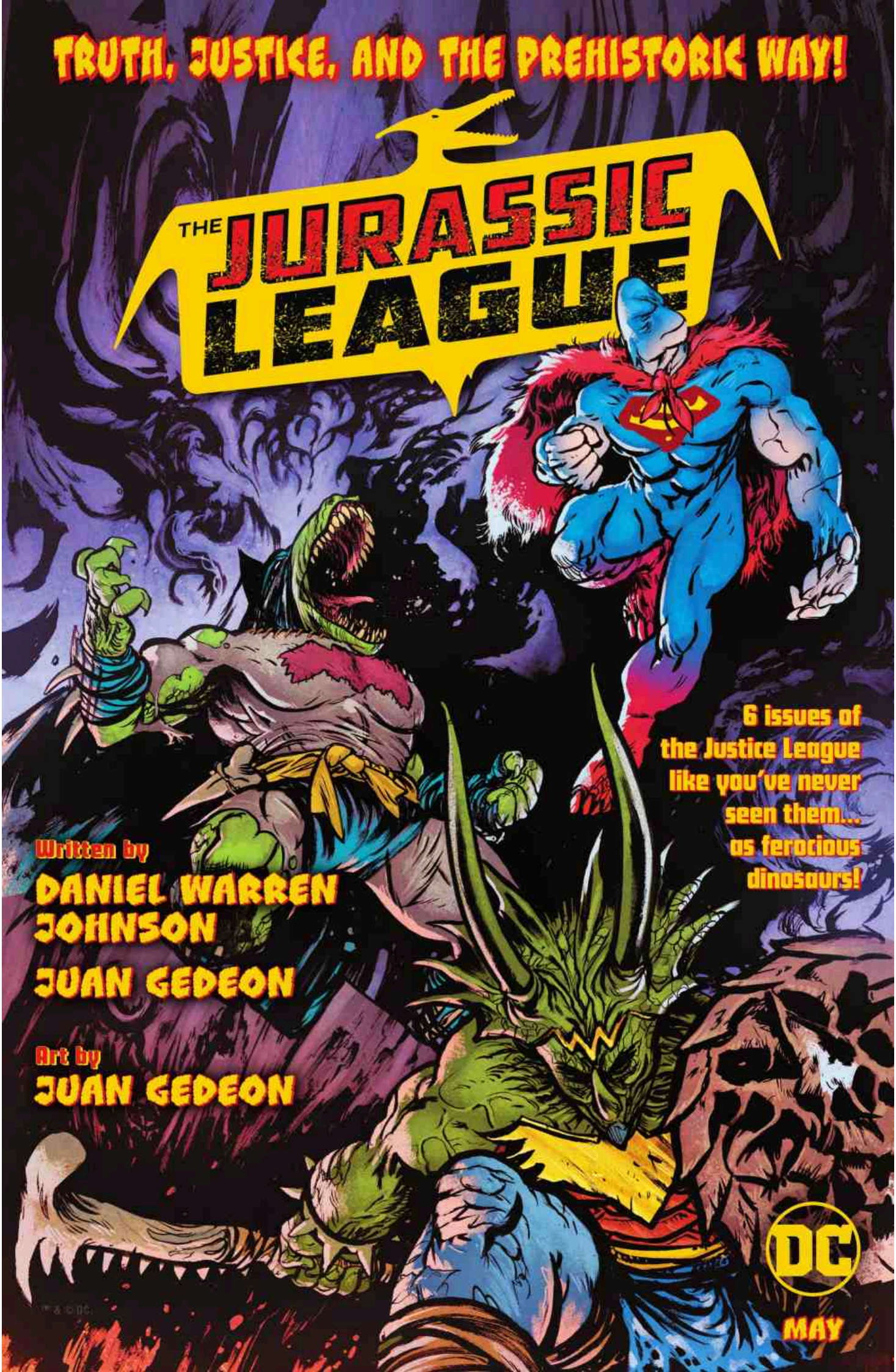
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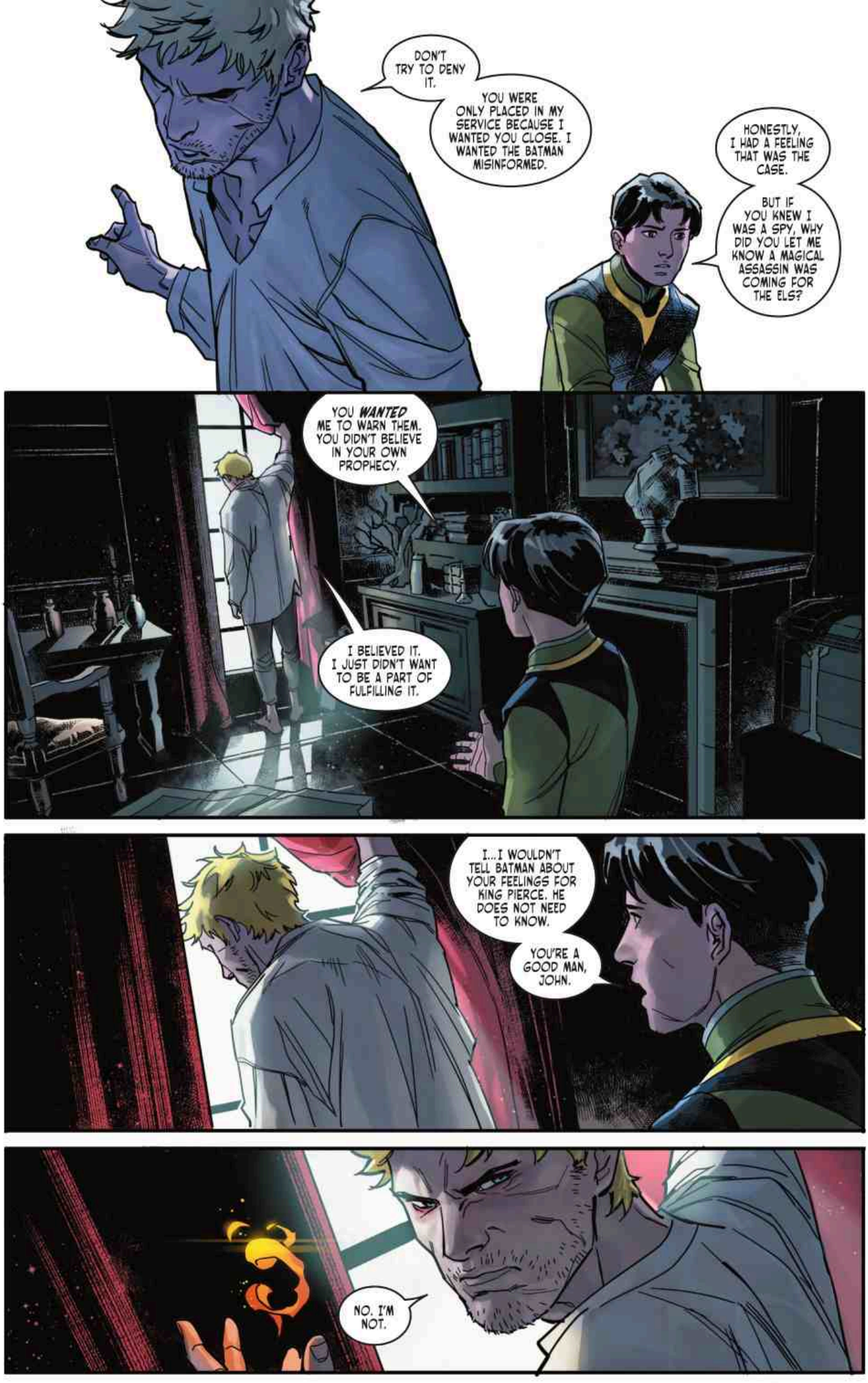
LEAVE ME BE. I'M MOURNING.
YOU SMELL.
THAT IS PART OF THE MOURNING PROCESS.
YOU SEEM TO HAVE BEEN DRINKING.
THAT IS A LARGE PART OF THE MOURNING PROCESS.
THE CORONATION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN. YOU NEED TO BE THERE FOR IT.
YOU THINK I WANT TO WATCH THE CROWN PLACED ON ANOTHER HEAD?

JOHN. KING JEFFERSON'S DEATH WAS NOT YOUR FAULT.
SHHH
@#$% OFF!
YOU WASTED A LOT OF MOURNING PROCESS THERE.
JOHN...
...YOU LOVED HIM, DIDN'T YOU?
OF COURSE. HE WAS MY KING.
YES. BUT... YOU LOVED THE MAN, NOT THE KING.
DO NOT PRETEND TO CARE FOR ME. I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE. I'VE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME.
YOU'RE ONE OF HIS ROBINS, TIMOTHY DRAKE.


DON'T TRY TO DENY IT.
YOU WERE ONLY PLACED IN MY SERVICE BECAUSE I WANTED YOU CLOSE. I WANTED THE BATMAN MISINFORMED.
HONESTLY, I HAD A FEELING THAT WAS THE CASE.
BUT IF YOU KNEW I WAS A SPY, WHY DID YOU LET ME KNOW A MAGICAL ASSASSIN WAS COMING FOR THE ELS?
YOU *WANTED* ME TO WARN THEM. YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IN YOUR OWN PROPHECY.
I BELIEVED IT. I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO BE A PART OF FULFILLING IT.
I... I WOULDN'T TELL BATMAN ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS FOR KING PIERCE. HE DOES NOT NEED TO KNOW.
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, JOHN.
NO. I'M NOT.

FWASH!
HNF!
TIMOTHY?
ARE YOU OKAY?
PRINCESS JENNIFER... I...
CONSTANTINE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING?
I HAVE. BUT SOBER OR NOT, TIMOTHY DRAKE IS STILL A SPY FOR THE ELS. HE IS ONE OF BATMAN'S ROBINS.

WHAT?
LET ME EXPLAIN. PLEASE. JUST LET ME TALK AND--
JACOB. HE TRUSTED YOU ABOVE ALL ELSE... AND ALL THIS TIME...
PRINCESS. I PROMISE I NEVER DID ANYTHING TO HURT YOUR BROTHER OR YOUR FAMILY. I--
GUARDS!

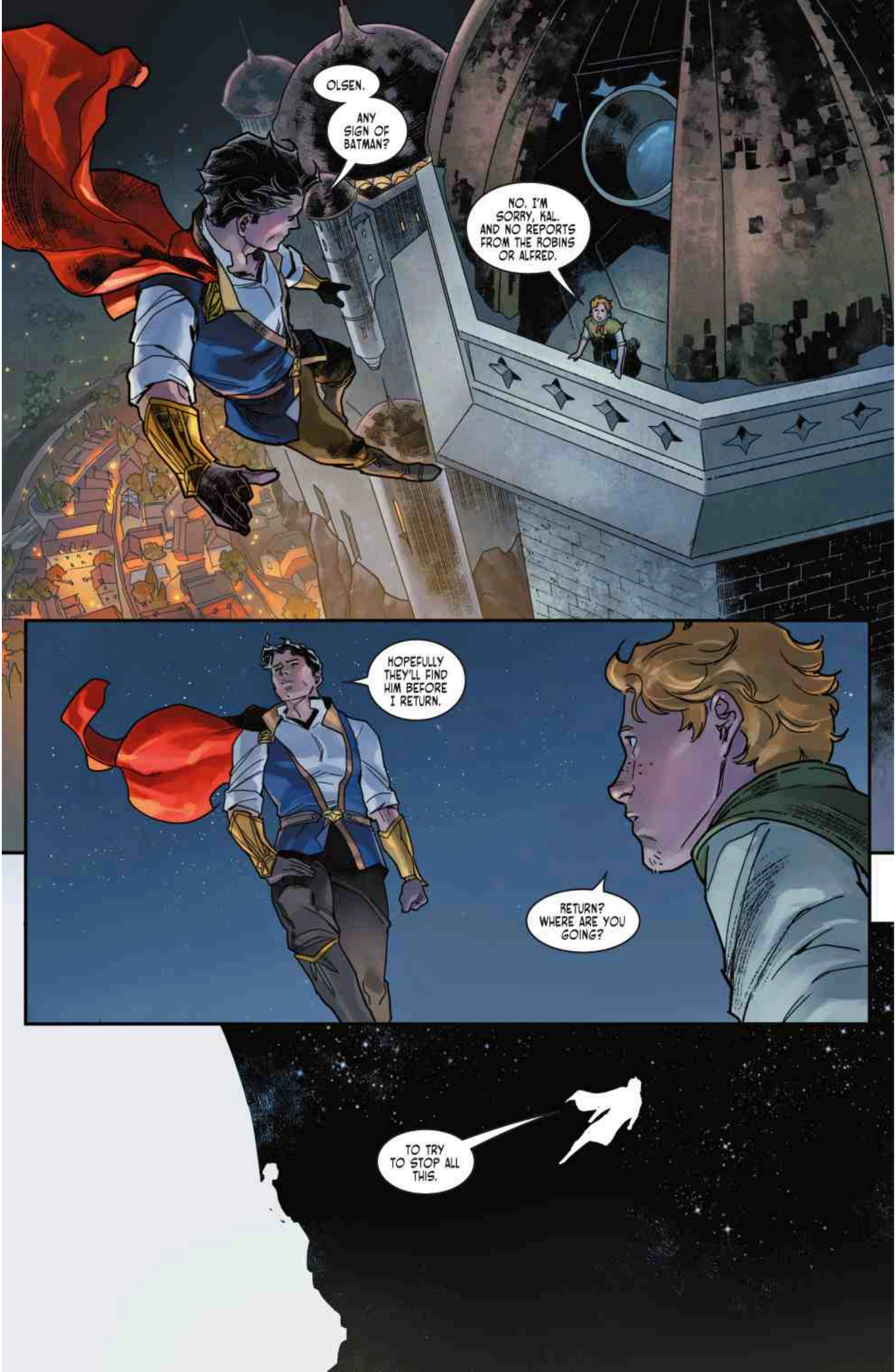
THD
I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE.
YOU WON'T.
HRAAARGGH!

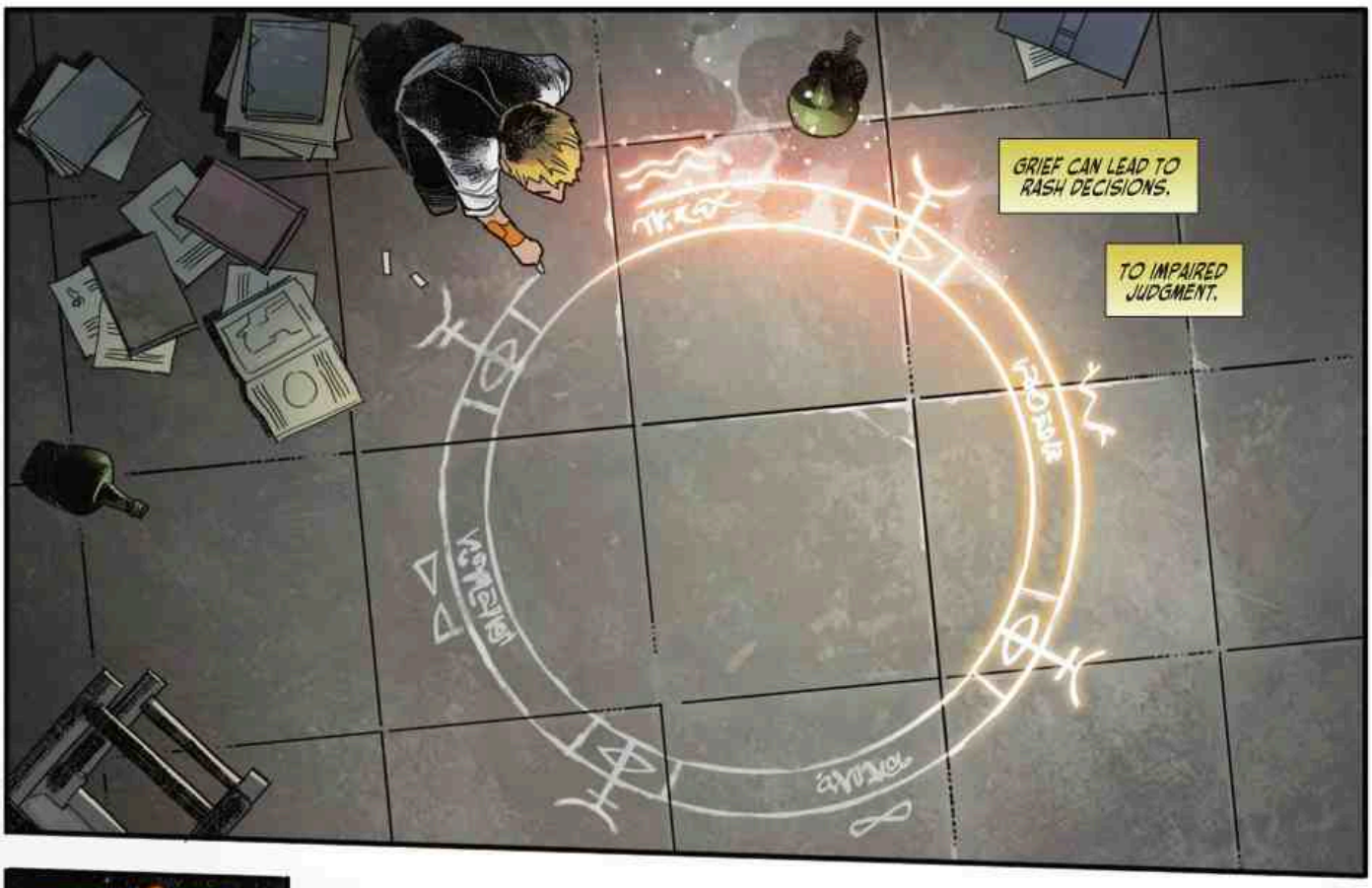
JOHN!
JOHN. PLEASE!
JENNIFER. HOLD.
I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY. I KNOW YOU'RE IN PAIN. BUT THE BOY IS A PAWN OF THE ELS. HE'S NOT OUR ENEMY.
LET'S NOT ATTEND YOUR SISTER'S CORONATION WITH BLOOD ON OUR HANDS.
GO. AND NEVER COME BACK, TIMOTHY DRAKE.
TELL YOUR QUEEN WAR IS COMING.
AND IT'S A WAR WE INTEND TO WIN FOR MY BROTHER, MY FATHER, AND OUR WORLD.

A day later. The court of El.
DON'T BE NERVOUS, TIMOTHY.
TAKE AWAY THE ROYALTY, THE FACT THAT THEY'RE FROM ANOTHER PLANET, THE FLIGHT, THE SUPER-STRENGTH, AND THE FIRE THEY SHOOT FROM THEIR FACES, AND THEY'RE JUST LIKE YOU AND ME.
I REALLY SHOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO BATMAN.
THE BATMAN IS MISSING.
COULD I SPEAK TO ALFRED? OR ANY OF THE ROBINS?
THEY'RE OUT SEARCHING FOR BRUCE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, MASTER DRAKE. YOU CAN SPEAK OPENLY IN THIS COURT.
YOUR HIGHNESS, I'M TO TELL YOU WAR WITH THE KINGDOM OF STORMS IS COMING.
JEFFERSON PIERCE HAS BEEN KILLED...
...BY ZALA JOR-EL.

I CAN TELL YOU THERE *WAS* AN ATTACK AT SEA. EVERYONE I'VE SPOKEN TO ON THE SHIP HAD THE SAME THING TO SAY. ZALA JOR-EL STRUCK AND MURDERED THE KING.
I GAINED TRUSTS, I BRIBED, AND I THREATENED. THE STORY NEVER CHANGED.
YOUR HIGHNESS... THE PIERCES ARE NOT BAD PEOPLE.
DO NOT DEFEND THEIR ACTIONS IN THIS COURT.
REMEMBER YOUR ALLEGIANCE.
THEY ARE ACTING TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILY, THEIR PEOPLE, AND, THEY BELIEVE, THE ENTIRE WORLD.
THEY MADE UP A LIE ABOUT MY SISTER TO JUSTIFY A WAR.
DID THEY?
BE CAUTIOUS, QUINN.
A LIE WITNESSED BY A SHIP FULL OF PEOPLE?
HARLEY, I DIDN'T DO THIS.

NO MATTER THE JUSTIFICATION, ANY WAR WILL NOT JUST BE WITH THE KINGDOM OF STORMS. MY MOTHER AND AMAZONIA WILL STAND WITH THEM.
WHAT? WHY?
BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS HAVE.
BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS HAVE? WHAT SORT OF RIDICULOUS REASON IS THAT TO GO TO WAR?
BELIEVE ME. MY MOTHER AND I HAVE HAD THIS ARGUMENT.
THANK YOU, EVERYONE. I WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER THIS NOW.
SEE, TIMOTHY. THAT WASN'T SO BAD.
I'M PRETTY SURE I WAS JUST A KEY PART OF THREE KINGDOMS GOING TO WAR.
OH... YEAH. THAT BIT WAS BAD.
I'D LIKE TO CONSIDER THIS *ALONE,* GENERAL WALLER.
I UNDERSTAND, YOUR MAJESTY. BUT I WANTED TO SAY DIANA IS RIGHT. THE AMAZONS WILL FOLLOW THEIR QUEEN INTO BATTLE AGAINST US.
SO I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH THIS. I DO NOT BELIEVE THE LOVE BETWEEN DIANA AND ZALA CAN BE BROKEN.
AND IF HIPPOLYTA DIES, *DIANA* BECOMES *QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS.*


OLSEN.
ANY SIGN OF BATMAN?
NO. I'M SORRY, KAL. AND NO REPORTS FROM THE ROBINS OR ALFRED.
HOPEFULLY THEY'LL FIND HIM BEFORE I RETURN.
RETURN? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO TRY TO STOP ALL THIS.


GRIEF CAN LEAD TO RASH DECISIONS.
TO IMPAIRED JUDGMENT.

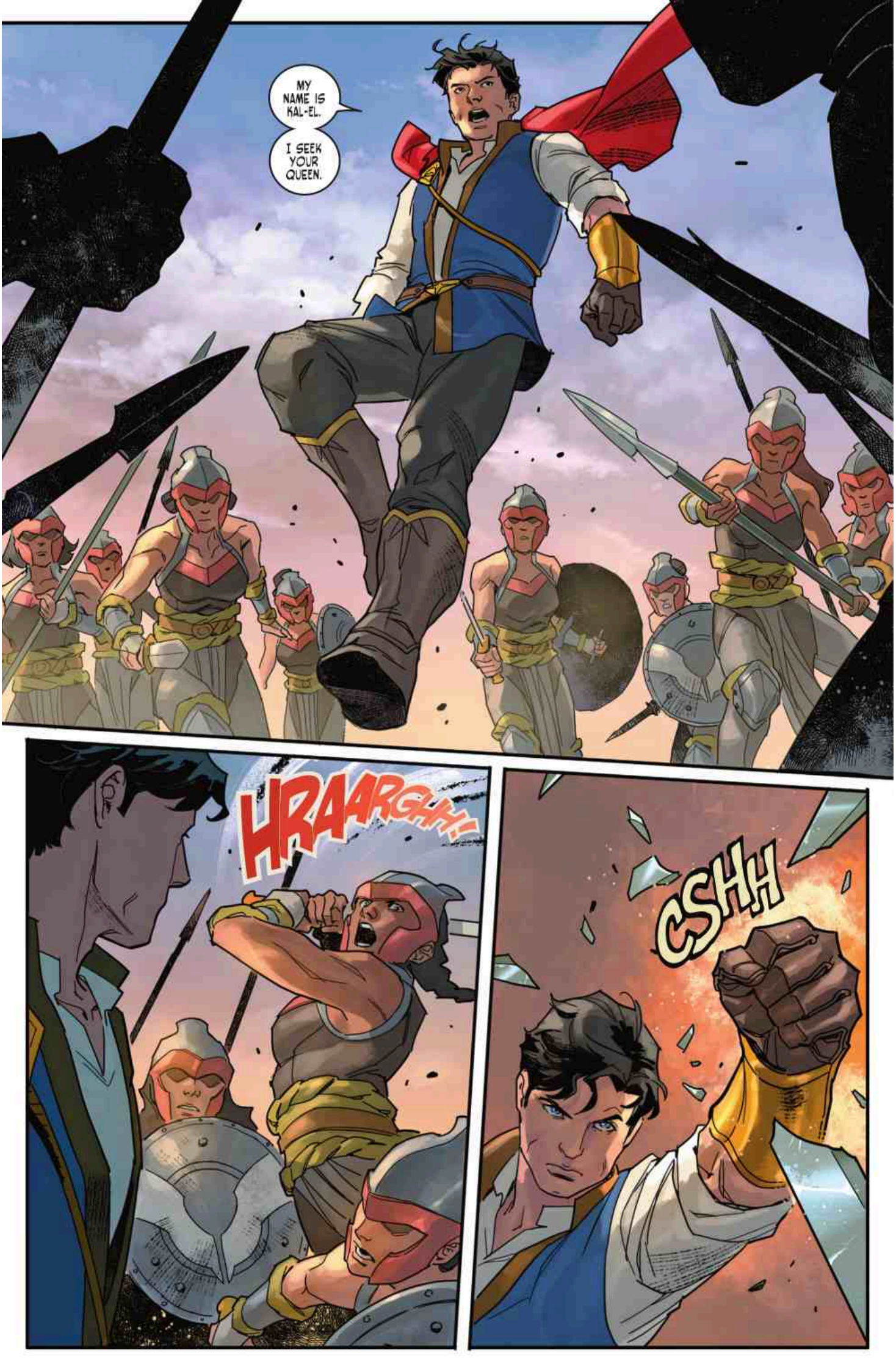
IT CAN REVEAL THE WORST OF US.
IT CAN UNLEASH OUR DEMONS.
JOHN CONSTANTINE.
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, LITTLE MAGICIAN?

THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR ME.
WELL, THAT'S DISAPPOINTING. I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE SOME FUN.
I WISH TO SPEAK TO YOUR HEAD, DEMON.
GONE, GONE O' ETRIGAN. RISE AGAIN THE FORM OF MAN.
YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE SUMMONED ME.
YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED YOURSELF TO BE SUMMONED BY BONDING YOURSELF TO A DEMON.
WHY AM I HERE?
I NEED A FAVOR, RA'S AL GHUL.
MY ASSASSINS WILL NOT KILL THE ELS. WE WILL NOT MAKE AN ENEMY OF A KINGDOM.
I KNOW. I DON'T WANT ANYONE KILLED...

"...I'M AFTER THE OPPOSITE."
The Kingdom of Storms' crypt.
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR YOUR KING, CONSTANTINE.
I CAN ONLY REPAIR WHAT IS BROKEN, NOT WHAT IS MISSING.
BUT I BROUGHT HIS BODY BACK.
YES, BUT HE HAS A HOLE WHERE HIS CHEST SHOULD BE.
I CAN'T REPAIR A HEART THAT ISN'T THERE.
BUT THIS ONE...I CAN WORK WITH THIS.
JACOB? YOU CAN RETURN HIM?
I CAN'T GUARANTEE HE WILL BE THE BOY YOU KNEW, BUT YES, I CAN RETURN HIM.

AND WHAT WILL IT COST ME?
THE CHILDREN.
WHAT ARE YOU--?
I WANT THE TITANS.
YOU HAVE THEM HIDDEN SOMEWHERE, DON'T YOU?
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE THEM TO ME.
SIMPLY TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE AND I WILL BRING BACK YOUR PRINCE.
DO WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT?

Amazonia.
PHILIPPUS! SOMEONE APPROACHES! FROM THE SKY!
TAKE THEM DOWN, ARTEMIS!

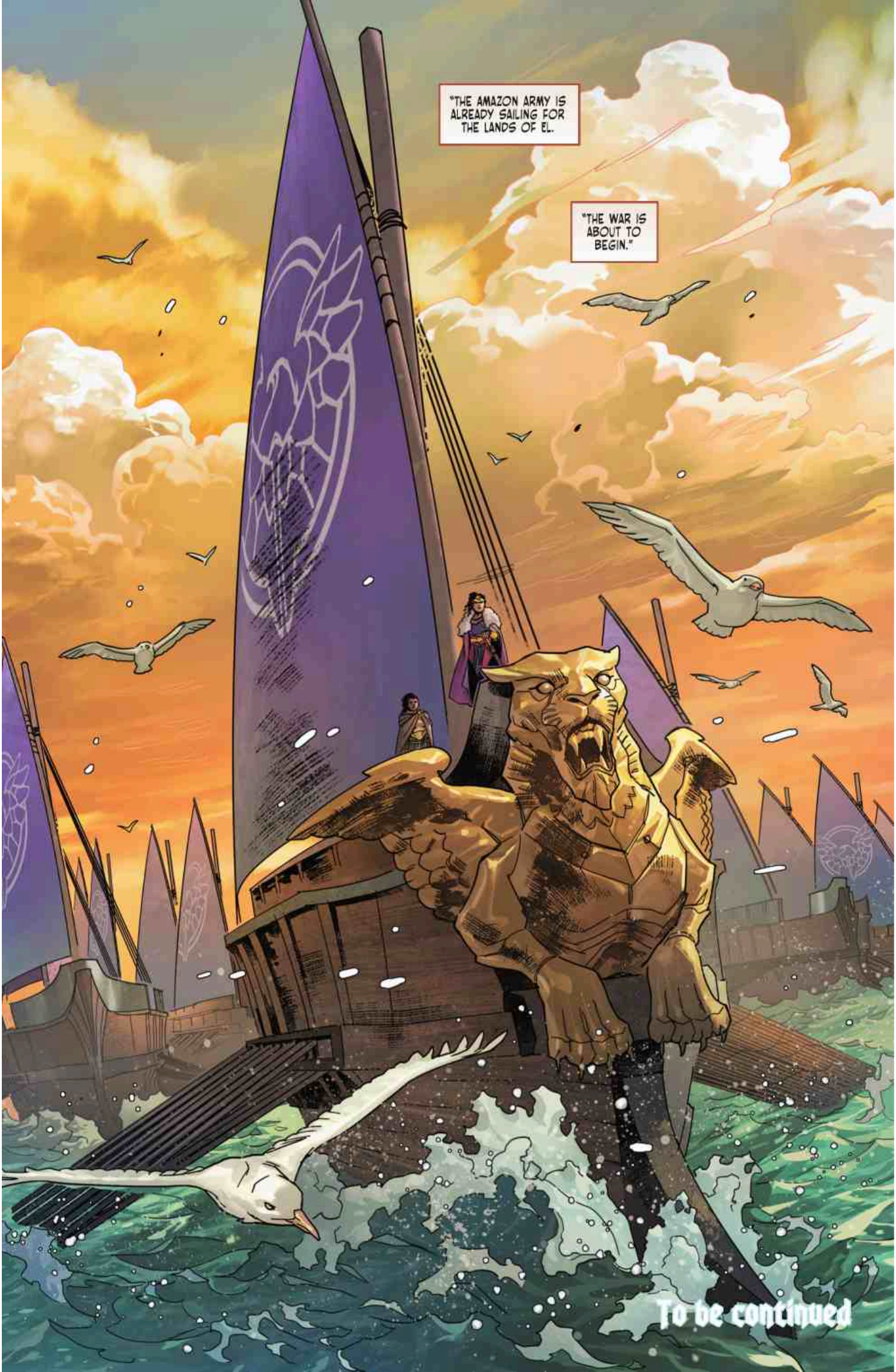

MY NAME IS KAL-EL.
I SEEK YOUR QUEEN.
HRAARGH!
CSHH

KRAK
CRK
STOP THIS.
THD
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT!

FOR SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO FIGHT, YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF FIGHTING.
I WAS ATTACKED BY A LOT OF PEOPLE.
NO MAN IS ALLOWED TO SET FOOT ON AMAZONIA.
I *HAVEN'T* SET FOOT ON AMAZONIA.
A TECHNICALITY ISN'T REALLY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE RULE.
YOU SOUGHT ME, KAL-EL?
YOU FOUND ME.
HRK.
SHNK

ARE YOU AWAKE, SPACEMAN?
HNNG.
SORRY ABOUT THE QUEEN.
YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, GIVE AN AMAZON A MAGICAL SWORD AND EVERY PROBLEM LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE STABBED.
DOES IT HURT?
I...YES. IT HURTS. IT'S MORE PAIN THAN I'VE EVER FELT BEFORE.
I...I WAS TRYING TO KEEP THAT TO MYSELF BUT I'M COMPLETELY FAILING HERE.
YES, YOU'LL FIND YOU CAN'T LIE. FOR THE SAME REASON YOU CAN'T MOVE. THAT'S A VERY SPECIAL ROPE.
BUT YOUR ATTEMPTED STOICISM IS NOTED.

KAL-EL. WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO MEET BEFORE. I AM LOIS.
I AM--OR I THOUGHT I WAS-- YOUR SISTER'S FRIEND.
I HAVE LONG DEFENDED YOUR FAMILY AGAINST CONSTANTINE'S PROPHECY BECAUSE I VALUE TRUTH, NOT CONSPIRACY AND SUPERSTITION.
BUT IT'S FAIR TO SAY, YOUR SISTER MURDERING A CHILD AND A KING HAS MADE THE ELS A LITTLE BIT HARDER TO DEFEND.
LOIS. GIVEN I HAVE TO SPEAK THE TRUTH, YOU SHOULD KNOW I MAY BE BOUND, BUT I COULD STILL INCINERATE ANYONE AS EASILY AS LOOK AT THEM.
IF YOU WERE AIMING FOR COMFORTING THERE, YOU MISSED.
MY POINT IS, I CAME HERE TO TALK TO YOUR QUEEN. NO ONE IN MY FAMILY WANTS TO USE OUR POWERS FOR VIOLENCE. MY SISTER COULD NEVER HARM A CHILD.
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE TRUTH, BUT YOU CERTAINLY BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
I DON'T LIKE THIS. THIS SUDDEN ESCALATION. ALL PATHS LEADING TO WAR. I GATHER INFORMATION FOR HIPPOLYTA. I'M VERY GOOD AT IT, BUT I SENSE I'M MISSING SOMETHING HERE.
IT'S LIKE THERE ARE INVISIBLE STRINGS CONTROLLING THE SITUATION AND I DON'T KNOW WHO'S HOLDING THEM.
AND I'VE RUN OUT OF TIME TO FIND OUT.
YOU HAVEN'T. TELL HIPPOLYTA TO WAIT TO JOIN THE KINGDOM OF STORMS. THERE'S STILL TIME.
I'M SORRY, SPACEMAN, THERE ISN'T...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"THE WAR IS ABOUT TO BEGIN."
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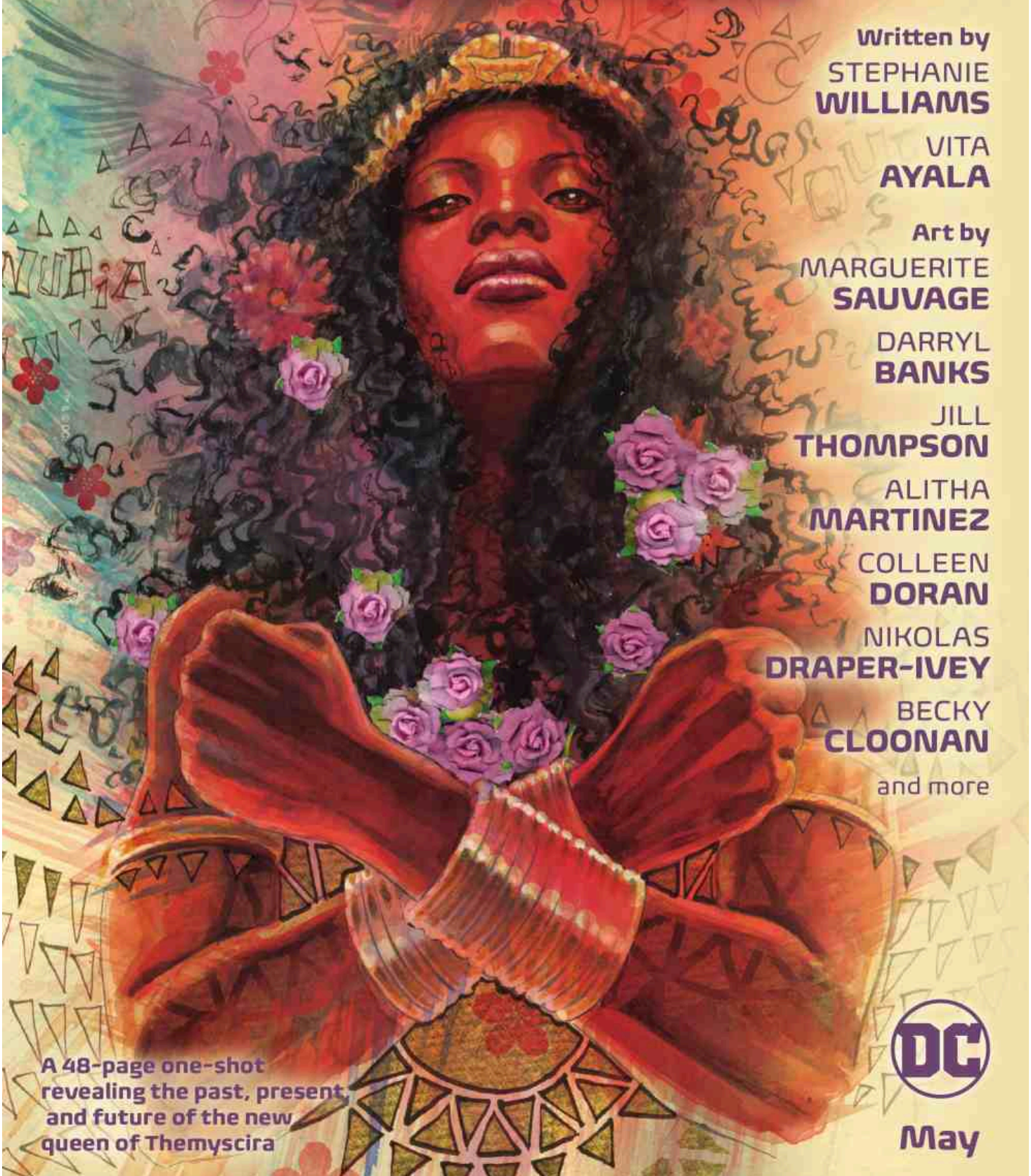

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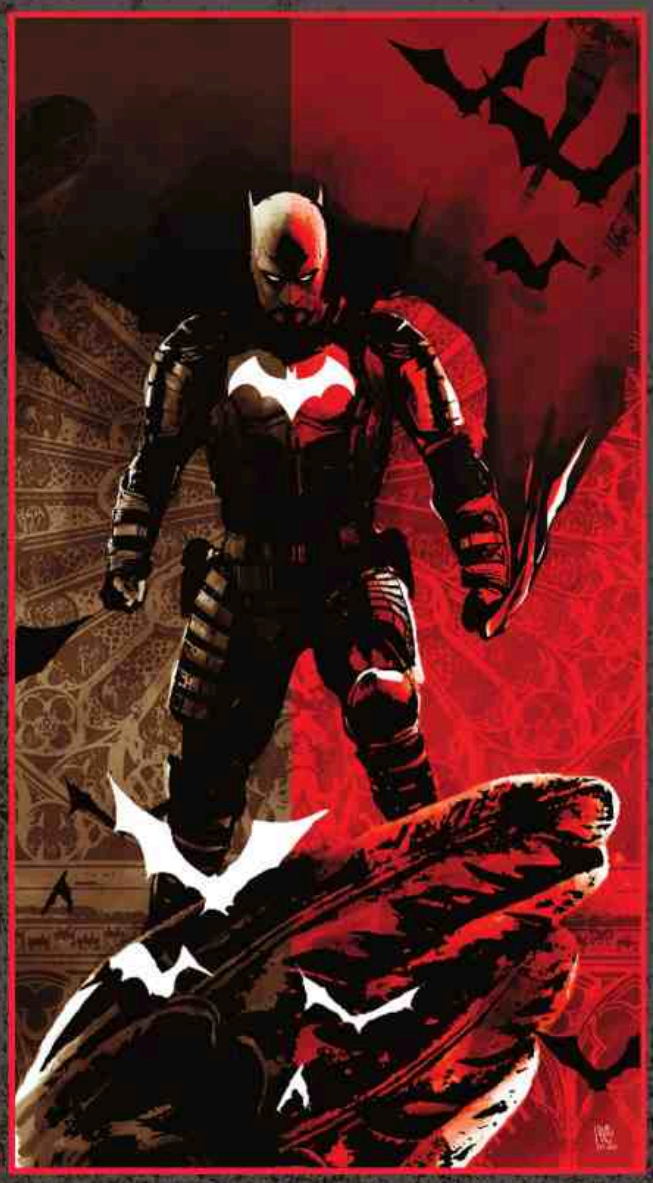

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What was it like to create your own gritty, noir version of Gotham City?

I don't know if a person can do that. You're always standing on the shoulders of the icons that came before you. When something is 82 years old, there's a lot of expectations. There are things Gotham needs to be. There are things Batman needs to be. It's an interesting balance to pay respect and at the same time rock out and push the boundaries a little bit more.

How did you come up with the concept of a Batman framed by an imposter Batman?

From the top down, the whole thing was, "How can I make this feel really, wickedly real?" One of the first things that came to mind was, we are in this era of disagreeing on the construct of reality. It felt like, if you have a guy running around in a bat costume, people are going to disagree about what's really going on there. What's to stop somebody else from doing that, and taking that symbol, and distorting the meaning of it?

What was it like collaborating with Andrea Sorrentino?

Andrea Sorrentino is a wizard. The man is just an absolute genius. It's scary—it's my first comic book, and Andrea just makes me look so good, and so much smarter than I am. And Jordie Bellaire on the colors, too. They were this visual dream team.

I come from film. I'm used to working with a cinematographer, an editor, and actors. Here, I'm the writer and a co-director, and Andrea is the co-director, the cinematographer, and the actors.

Which elements of this story will surprise Batman fans?

Hopefully the addition of Blair Wong, this brand-new character that I think is very cool, and I hope has a life beyond this book. Certainly the fact that I'm not playing with any of the main, big villains—so a couple characters that don't normally get the spotlight get to show up in new and interesting ways.

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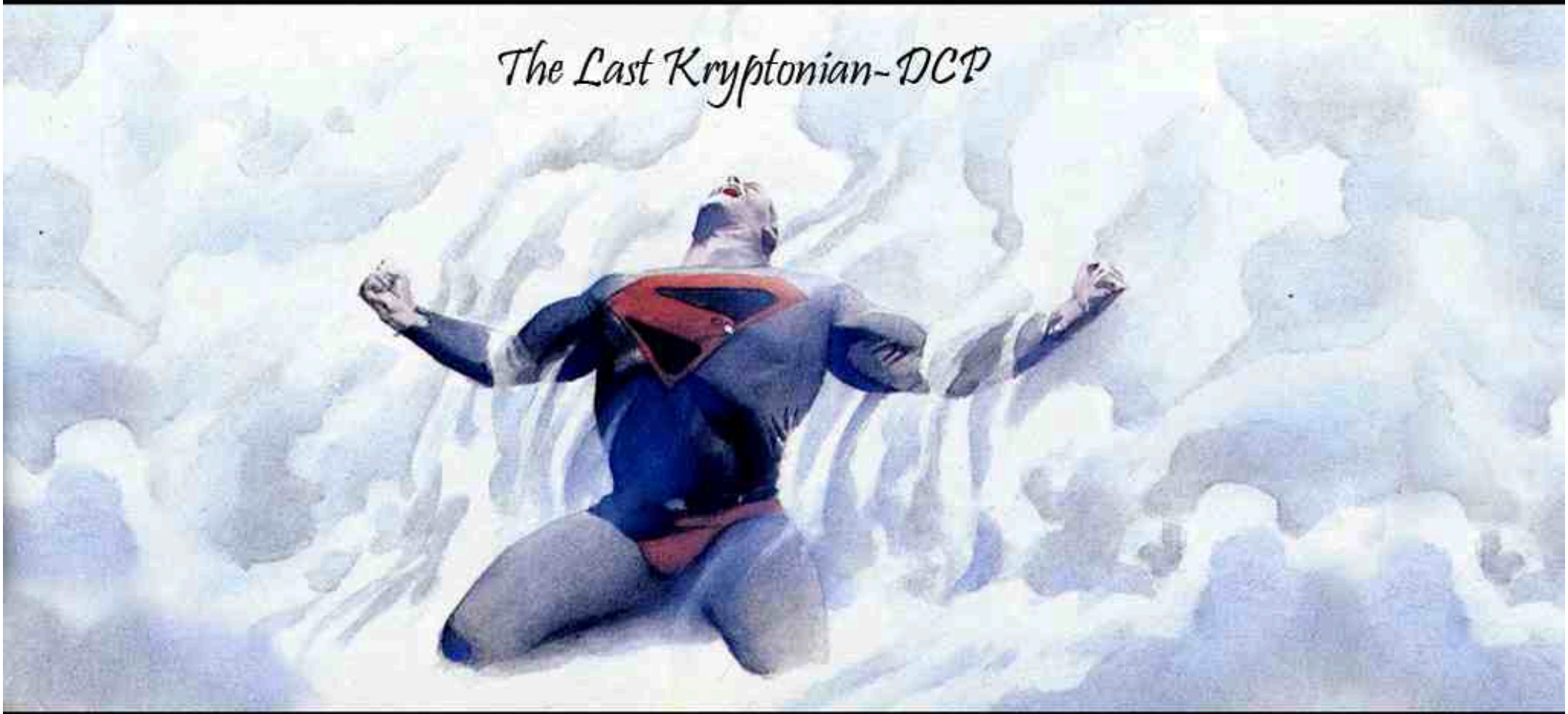
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